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1. QUOTE CYPRUS RESPONSIBILITY

THE DRAMATIC ESCAPE OF PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AND THE
STUBBORN RESISTANCE BY FORCES LOYAL TO HIS ELECTED GOVERN-
MENT AGAINST THE WOULD-BE USURPERS CONTROLLED FROM GREECE
PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSTRUCTIVE AND DECISIVE
INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON CYPRUS THAT MUST NOT BE SQUAN-
DERED. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S APPEAL TO GREECE AND
TURKEY FOR "MAXIMUM RESTRAINT" ON CYPRUS, ISSUED IN AD-
VANCE OF YESTERDAY'S UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL
MEETING, WAS ONLY THE NECESSARY, FORMAL PRELIMINARY.

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MUCH MORE THAN MERE "RESTRAINT" IS REQUIRED. IT IS

IMPERATIVE -- NOT ONLY FOR THE INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS BUT FOR THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE CAUSE OF

COLLECTIVE SECURITY -- THAT THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP IN GREECE NOT BE ALLOWED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO GET BY WITH THIS OPEN SUBVERSION.

THE CLIMATE HAS NEVER BEEN MORE FAVORABLE FOR EFFECTIVE SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION. CRITICISM OF THE ATHENS REGIME HAS POURED IN FROM GOVERNMENTS CONVINCED BEYOND DOUBT THAT THE COUP COULD NEVER HAVE OCCURRED HAD GREECE ACCEDED TO THE LEGITIMATE REQUEST OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS TO RECALL THE GREEK OFFICERS WHO WERE PLOTTING WITH SOME OF THE MOST UNSAVORY ELEMENTS ON CYPRUS FOR HIS REMOVAL.

CYPRUS HAS BEEN A PARTICULAR UNITED NATIONS RESPONSIBILITY FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS, WITH EIGHT MEMBER NATIONS CONTRIBUTING EITHER SOLDIERS OR POLICE TO THE SPECIAL FORCE THAT HAS MAINTAINED PEACE BETWEEN THE ISLAND'S GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES.

AS A SPECIAL GUARANTOR (WITH GREECE AND TURKEY) OF THE INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS, BRITAIN HAS UNHESITATINGLY MATCHED WORDS OF CONCERN WITH DRAMATIC ACTION. EMPHASIZING THAT IT STILL REGARDS ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AS PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, BRITAIN NOT ONLY GAVE HIM SANCTUARY AT ONE OF ITS MILITARY BASES ON THE ISLAND BUT FLEW HIM TO MALTA, REPORTEDLY ON HIS WAY TO THE UNITED NATIONS. IN A TOUGHLY WORDED MESSAGE TO ATHENS, BRITAIN STRONGLY URGED THE REPLACEMENT OF THE GREEK OFFICERS OF THE CYPRUS NATIONAL GUARD, AS THE ARCHBISHOP HAD REQUESTED, "AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT."

IT IS DISGRACEFUL THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT YET SEEN FIT TO TAKE AN EQUALLY STRONG STANCE, CONFINING ITSELF INSTEAD TO DEPLORING "THE RESORT TO VIOLENCE THAT HAS DESTABILIZED THE SITUATION ON THE ISLAND," AND WELCOMING "REPORTS THAT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS IS ALIVE."

IF WASHINGTON ADDED ITS WEIGHT TO BRITAIN'S REQUEST, THE UNCLASSIFIED

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JITTERY MILITARY RULERS IN ATHENS WOULD HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE TO CALLING HOME THE 650 GREEK OFFICERS. IF THEY DEPARTED, THE SELF-STYLED "GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL SALVATION," HEADED BY THE SADISTIC NIKOS SAMPSON, WOULD NOT SURVIVE FOR 24 HOURS.

A PERSONAL APPEAL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL BY ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS WOULD PROVIDE ONE OF THE MORE DRAMATIC MOMENTS

IN THE 29-YEAR HISTORY OF THE UNITED NATIONS. IT WOULD
ALSO RECALL THE POIGNANT MOMENT IN 1936 WHEN EMPEROR
HAILE SELASSIE STOOD BEFORE THE U.N.'S PREDECESSOR AT
GENEVA AND WARNED IT OF THE PERILS OF INACTION IN THE
FACE OF AGGRESSION AGAINST A SMALL COUNTRY. THAT MEMORY
IS ONLY ONE OF MANY REASONS WHY THE UNITED NATIONS --
AND THE UNITED STATES -- CANNOT BE INDIFFERENT TO THE
FATE OF CYPRUS. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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